(e) To oversee and coordinate the integrated implementation of those recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers that are accepted by the Government.

Assistance for dairy development to M.P.

†1048. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals that have been received by Government from the Madhya Pradesh Government under Consolidated Dairy Development Plan;

(b) the action being taken on those proposals;

(c) by when the approval will be granted to those proposals; and

(d) the details of the objectives and targets set by Government under Consolidated Dairy Development Plan; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) Nine proposals have been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government under different schemes of diary development since April, 2004. Three proposals have been approved and for the rest of the proposals, State Government has been requested to revise them as per guidelines of the respective schemes.

(d) The schemes of dairy development are demand driven and no state-wise targets are fixed under them. The objectives of the different Schemes are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Objectives of Dairy Development Scheme

I. Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP)

Objectives:-

(i) Development of milch cattle.

(ii) Increase the milk production by providing Technical Inputs services.

(iii) Procurement, Processing and Marketing of milk in a cost effective manner.

(iv) Ensure remunerative prices to the milk producers.

(v) Generate additional employment opportunities.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(vi) Improve social, nutritional and economic status of residents of comparatively more disadvantaged areas.

II. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production

Objectives:-

(i) Creation of necessary infrastructure for the production of good quality milk and milk products at the farmer's level up to the point of consumption.

(ii) Improvement of milking procedure at the farmers' level.

(iii) Training and strengthening of infrastructure to create mass awareness about importance of clean milk production.

III. Assistance to Cooperatives

Objectives:-

(i) Revitalization of sick dairy cooperatives unions at district level and cooperative federations at the State level.

IV. Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund

Objectives:-

(i) To bring about structural changes in the unorganised sector by taking the measures like milk processing at village level and marketing of pasteurized milk in a cost effective manner.

(ii) To encourage quality up-gradation and up-gradation of traditional technology to handle commercial scale using modern equipment.

Survey of debt burden on marginal and poor farmers

1049. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of debt burden on two categories of farmers, namely, marginal and poor, in the country, has been done;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) how much annual average interest the farmers have to pay on their debt;